

Co. He works for Isham, Lincoln & Beale, the Commonwealth Edison law firm.

Merriam pointed to the People's Gas Co., which has its meter system regulated by the city in the same way as now proposed for the Commonwealth Edison Co. He said both gas and electric companies are owned by the same interests.

Att'y Arthur said: "I have heard you make the statement here and at Springfield that the ownership of the gas and electric companies is identical. What is your basis for that remark?"

Merriam: Is it not true that Mr. Samuel Insull is chairman of the board of directors of both the People's Gas Co. and the Commonwealth Edison Co.?

Arthur: That is true. But outside of that I would like to know what proof there is that the Edison Co. owns the gas company.

Merriam: There is such a general interlocking of gas and electric interests in this city that in financial circles it is an accepted fact that the two companies are not competing in any real sense at all.

Ald. Wallace of the 23d ward said he knows "a specific instance in which the Commonwealth Edison Co. put a small manufacturer out of business because he kicked against metering and high charges.

"They cut the wires outside his plant to shut off his current," said the alderman. "The meter went wrong and his bills were outrageously increased though he was not using any more current than formerly."

Wallace told a Day Book reporter there are business reasons why he can not give the name of the manufacturer.

N. Y. MAY GET BIG LUMP

New York.—New York state will be richer by a \$2,000,000 tax on Alfred G. Vanderbilt's \$60,000,000 fortune, if it is determined that he was a resident of this state.

Y. W. C. A. OFFICIALS KICK ON DORMITORY LIFE STORY

Protests of the heads of the Y. W. C. A. did not prevent the second installment of a story of life in one of its dormitories which is now running in the Century magazine.

The woman author claims to write from experience and she tells of the young ladies who lived in the "plous prison" who smoked cigarets and used abundant swear words in their conversations.

The story is entitled "A Book of Remembrance" and the plot not only "exposes" conditions in the Y. W. C. A., but also in the stockyards, where many of the girls worked.

Dean Sara D. Jenkins and Mrs. T. J. Dee, pres. of the ass'n, declare the writer's facts to be disgusting and without basis.

"It is an uncalled for and unjust attack," said Mrs. Dee.

BITS OF NEWS

Women of U. of C. settlement ask aid of drainage board trustees to do away with Bubbly creek, South Side open sewer.

John Sondberg, engineer, scalded in wreck of freight train of Chi. & W. Ind. R. R. at 98th st.

Burglar discovered in home of Herbert Allison, 3936 Pine Grove av., escaped by jump from 2d-story window.

James Ennis, auto salesman, seriously hurt when auto turned turtle mile east of Downer's Grove.

Four men and two women injured when auto of Alfred Lahmes, 3000 Michigan av., turned over at 79th and Bond av.

James Deavill, who left wife and children in E. Liverpool, O., arrested here.

Edward Rochlich, 908 S. Wabash av., found dead in bed. Gas. Reason unknown.

Vincent Falsulo, 910 Cambridge av., shot by "blackhanders" near his home. May die.